



NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Area Clinical Forum
held on Thursday 15 August 2024 at 2pm
Via Microsoft Teams**

Present

Dr Lesley Rousselet (in the Chair)

Dr Anita Belbin	Ms Morven McElroy
Dr David McColl	Dr Sarah Freel
Ms Kathy McFall	Dr Sarah Freel
Dr Lucy Gamble	

In Attendance

Prof Angela Wallace	Nurse Director
Abbie Maxwell	Secretariat (Minute)
Elaine Hamilton	Lead Nurse Care Home Collaborative
Louise Russell	Secretariat
Marion O’Neil	Public Health General Manager

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37.	Welcome And Apologies		
	<p>The Chair welcomed those present to the August meeting of the Area Clinical Forum:</p> <p>Apologies were noted on behalf of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer Armstrong - Josh Miller - Fiona Smith - Anne Thomson - Helen Little - Tony Donegan - Steven Meldrum - Margaret Doherty 		

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	- Karen Brazier		
	<u>NOTED</u>		
38.	Declarations Of Interest		
	The Chair invited members to declare any interests in any of the items being discussed. There were no declarations made.		
	<u>NOTED</u>		
39.	Minutes Of Previous Meeting		
	The Forum considered the minute of the Area Clinical Forum meeting of 13 June 2024 [Paper 24/17, ACF(M)].		
	The Forum was content to approve the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.		
	<u>APPROVED</u>		
40.	Matters Arising		
	a) Rolling Action List		
	The Forum considered the rolling action list and noted the following update:		
	<u>Minute 38- Staff Wellbeing Update</u>		
	Item to remain open and discussed at the next meeting.		
	<u>NOTED</u>		
41.	Executive Update on Ongoing Board Business		
	The Forum received a verbal update from Professor Angela Wallace, Executive Nurse Director.		
	The Forum noted that the Public Inquiry was due to commence on Monday 19 th August 2024 and would continue through November 2024. A procedural hearing had been held recently and additional evidence was presented to be considered.		
	Professor Wallace updated the Forum on current challenges. This included staff sickness and absence levels, currently 7.2%. The Forum also noted there were challenges across the system due to high occupancy rates across all sites. A national group had been established, Collaborative Response and Assurance Group (CRAG),		

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	<p>by the Scottish Government. The focus of the group was to reduce Delayed Discharges across Scotland.</p> <p>The Forum noted that the financial position remained challenged, however work remained ongoing to improve the position.</p> <p>The Committee were content to note the update</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>		
42.	Vaccination Update		
	<p>The Forum considered the Autumn/Winter Vaccination 2024 Update presented by Ms Marion O'Neill, Public Health General Manager.</p> <p>A brief update was provided on the Autumn/Winter vaccinations. Ms O'Neill highlighted that there were delays in the Cohorts being agreed for the COVID vaccinations, however, the Flu cohort had been confirmed. The Forum noted that Health Care Workers, both front line and non-front line, would remain eligible for the Autumn/Winter vaccinations. The programme would commence in October 2024, with the aspiration that 85% of eligible patients to be offered an appointment by December 2024.</p> <p>It was expected that care home residents and house bound patients would be vaccinated at the end of September. The Forum noted that uptake rates varied considerably across eligible groups, with poorer uptake generally associated with cohorts with lesser transparency around eligibility, for example those with weakened immune systems. Work remained ongoing to promote the benefits of vaccinations and to encourage staff and patients to be vaccinated. Arrangements for vaccinators to attend workplaces were being considered.</p> <p>A question was raised around staff absences and what the reason for these were. It was discussed that perhaps a report could be brought to the meeting in the future.</p> <p>The Committee were content to note the paper.</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>		Prof Wallace
43.	Care Home Strategy Update		
	<p>The Forum considered the Care Home Strategy Update (Paper 24/19) presented by Ms Elaine Hamilton, Lead Nurse.</p> <p>The report detailed the progress and impact made during the reporting period of April 2023 to March 2024.</p>		

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	<p>In 2020, Executive Nurse Directors were delegated accountability from Scottish Government to lead on aspects of professional and infection control nursing care quality within the care home context. The Care Home Collaborative Team continued to work in partnership with care homes and provided enhanced support for Care Homes and enabled residents to receive the best possible care.</p> <p>There were five main areas of focus, Right care Right place, Food Fluid and Nutrition, Tissue Viability, Infection prevention and control and Person-centred care. The purpose of the Care Home Collaborative was to provide access to specialised clinical expertise and education to care home staff. In total, 2223 care home staff had taken part in training opportunities between April 2023 and March 2024. A monthly newsletter was circulated widely which focused on the efforts of the Care Home Collaborative and was also shared through social media channels such as X (previously known as Twitter).</p> <p>In order to reduce number of referrals to dieticians and increase resident BMIs, more residents had been offered fortified milkshakes. The feedback received regarding this had been positive. Strength and balance exercises were also offered to reduce the number of falls.</p> <p>The Forum discussed dental care within care homes and noted that training was in the process of being organised to assist care home staff with the referral process.</p> <p>The Committee were content to note the paper.</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>	
44.	Primary Care Strategy	
	<p>The Forum considered the Primary Care Strategy (Paper 24/20) presented by Dr Lesley Rousselet, ACF Chair.</p> <p>The Forum noted that the Strategy was created to prioritise optimising the workforce, provide digital enabled care and effective integration and interfacing care. Some areas for development were suggest which included improving communication, improving access, strengthening prevention and early intervention and wellness, improving equity and reducing inequalities, and optimising the estate.</p> <p>The Strategy had been divided into sections and aims and focuses per year between 2024 and 2029. In the first year all efforts would be focused on developing the Primary Care Workforce Strategy, working toward effective integration and interfacing as part of a</p>	

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	<p>whole system approach, understanding and improving access to right care, and improving communications as key stake holders.</p> <p>The Forum discussed the referral process to secondary care. Referrals were made through SCI Gateway, however, the Forum noted the challenges with the current process. It was hoped that communication issues could be resolved through the new Primary Care Strategy.</p> <p>The Committee were content to note the paper.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
45.	Brief Update from Each Advisory Committee on Salient Business Points and Minutes to Note	
	<p>The Chair invited members to raise any salient issues regarding the following Committees:</p> <p><u>Area Medical Committee</u> Ms Morven McElroy provided an update on behalf of the Area Medical Committee. She reported that recent meetings had not been quorate due to summer leave, therefore there had been no further update since June meeting. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 16th August 2024.</p> <p><u>Area Allied and Healthcare Professional & Healthcare Scientists Committee</u> Ms Kathy McFall provided an update on behalf of the Area Allied and Healthcare Professional & Healthcare Scientists Committee. The July meeting was not quorate, therefore had been cancelled. Ms McFall assured the Forum that discussions were taking place to ensure that future meetings were quorate.</p> <p><u>Area Optometric Committee</u> Dr Sarah Freel provided an update on behalf of the Area Optometric Committee. The Community Glaucoma service was being rolled out; there were now 400 active registrations. The Forum noted that the services were provided by Community Glaucoma Service accredited practitioners registered Optometrists. Ms Freel reported that additional training would be provided for Optometrists to become Independent Prescribers. She also reported that the treatment ladders had now been updated and were due to be signed off. There were new cataract protocols in place, to include more bilateral surgeries where possible to reduce number of appointments required. It was noted that Optometrists had migrated to "nhs.scot" email address. The Forum noted that Locum Optometrists were unable to access SCI gateway and all referrals were being sent by paper at the moment.</p>	

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	<p><u>Area Dental Committee</u> Dr Anita Belbin provided an update on behalf of the Area Dental Committee. She noted that amendments had been made to the payment division on the oral health metrics. The next meeting would take place in September.</p> <p><u>Area Psychology Committee</u> Dr Lucy Gamble provided an update on behalf of the Area Psychology Committee. She noted that private space with access to Wi-Fi in Renfrewshire was being considered to host psychological therapy sessions. There were discussions being held regarding the pressure on services currently and how best to manage this. It was noted that the group services funding may not be available this year due to the current financial position.</p> <p>The Forum was content to note the updates provided.</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>		
46.	Closing Remarks and Key Messages for the Board		
	The Chair thanked members for their attendance and for the presentations and updates provided.		
47.	Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting		
	The next meeting would be held on 10 October 2024, via MS Teams.		